

CONTINUUM OF SEXUAL AGGRESSION (handout)

Sexual assault is not an isolated act; it is on a continuum with (related to) other common events/activities, both illegal and legal.

Offenders may act out the whole continuum.

Although it may be unacknowledged or not experienced as distressful, most women have experienced some act that falls within this continuum.

The common denominator for this continuum is lack of respect.

Suggestive looks

Sexist comments, jokes

Verbal harassment

Harassment

Obscene phone calls

Peeping

Exposure

Frottage

Sexual Assault

Aggravated Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault/Murder